



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Soumya P. Sahoo, et al.  
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For: BENZOPYRANCARBOXYLIC ACID  
DERIVATIVES FOR THE TREATMENT OF  
DIABETES AND LIPID DISORDERS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 25, 2002, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. A petition for a one-month extension of time is enclosed. If any other fee is required in connection with this response, the fee may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date appearing below.

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By James H. H. 2 Date March 25, 2003